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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PFOR, RH

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PURCHASE OF BOEING 707 S BY RHODESIA

1. LAST TWO DAYS FOREIGN NEWS BROADCASTS AND LOCAL PRESS HAVE DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF THREE BOEING 707-720 S BY RHODESIA. LISBON PRESS NOTES RUMORS THAT PLANES ACQUIRED FROM LUFTHANSA ( DENIED BY LUFTHANSA). BBC REPORTS REACHING LISBON INDICATE AIRCRAFT ORIGINALLY SOLD BY BOEING TO EASTERN AIRLINES 1960, REPURCHASED BY BOEING 1970 AND SOLD TO NOW DEFUNCT FIRM CAL- AIR AND THENCE TO LIECHTENSTEIN FIRM WHICH ALLEGEDLY WAS SUPPLIER TO RHODESIA.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES HERE THE THREE BOEINGS TRANSITED LISBON LAST WEEK ENROUTE SALISBURY AND ARE NOW PARKED ON APRON AT SALISBURY. FONMIN AND SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL HAVE SAID PRIVATELY THAT IF THREE AIRCRAFT CAME THROUGH LISBON WITH PROPER REGISTRATION, GOP WOULD TAKE NO NOTE. HOWEVER THEY DENY GOP HAS ACCORDED LANDING RIGHTS TO RHODESIA, SCOTCHING STORIES  
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OF SALISBURY- LUANDA- LISBON LINK. ( WE UNDERSTAND BEFORE  
UDI, RHODESIAN AIRLINES FLEW NORTH THROUGH EAST AFRICA,  
SERVICE THROUGH LISBON THUS FITS NO HISTORIC PATTERN).

3. FURTHERMORE, GOP OFFICIALS SAID PORTUGAL RECOGNIZES  
ULTIMATE AUTHORITY OF UK IN CONNECTION EXTERNAL  
ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING RHODESIA. THEY SAID GOP COULD  
NOT CONCLUDE AGREEMENT FOR AIRLINE ROUTE SALISBURY- LUANDA-  
LISBON.

4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, GOP DISPATCHED APRIL 14 SENIOR  
OVERSEAS MINISTRY OFFICIAL, OFTEN USED AS TROUBLE- SHOOTER  
IN MATTERS AFFECTING RHODESIA, TO MOZAMBIQUE.

5. COMMENT: FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE OF PASSENGER LOAD  
FACTORS BETWEEN LUANDA AND LISBON VIA TAP, WE STRONGLY  
DOUBT TRAFFIC COULD BEAR ADDITION OF RHODESIAN AIRWAYS  
707 S.

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